

Please amend 47CFR97.113(e) of the Amateur Radio Service rules to permit the retransmission of non-weather related EAS messages.

Currently, per the interpretation of FCC employee Mr. William Cross, the retransmission of non-weather EAS messages constitutes a prohibited transmission (by content). I believe that such a position by an FCC employee is contrary to the intent of EAS, especially considering "child abduction" or "911 outage" messages, for which 47 CFR 97.403 would otherwise imply allowability.

A discussion of this response took place on a private forum - URL:
<http://www.catauto.com/cgi-bin/forums/ikonboard.cgi?s=046ce250481b6316c3c2ee7bb82ea352;act=ST;f=6;t=10>

I am especially concerned about AUTOMATIC retransmission by amateur radio repeater or auxiliary stations of non-weather EAS messages when these station types are under automatic control. EAS messages should NOT be delayed while a person (control operator) makes a decision regarding retransmission - that defeats the purpose of EAS: To disseminate a message as widely and quickly as possible.